

Purpose: The Medicine Hat Library Board supports and participates in resource sharing among libraries within Alberta, working toward the vision of universal barrier-free access for all Albertans to information and ideas.

1. Definitions:

- 1.1. Library: means the Medicine Hat Public Library
- 1.2. Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement: Any resident in Alberta, with an eligible library card, borrowing on-site.
- 1.3. Libraries Act: Libraries Act, RSA 2000, c. L-11.

2. The Library will work within the guidelines laid out in the document *Resource Sharing Operational Policy for Public Libraries* published by Alberta Municipal Affairs, and will participate in a multi-type provincial resource sharing network.
3. The Library will participate in intra-library loan of all library resources within the Shortgrass Library System. All circulating print material may be loaned to libraries throughout Alberta and Canada; loans of other library resources may be restricted.
4. In accordance with the Libraries Act, the Library will not charge a fee for acquiring items from other libraries. However, any charge to the Library from lending library will be passed on to the borrower.
5. The Library will work with other libraries in Alberta, the Public Library Services Branch, Shortgrass Regional Library System, and The Alberta Library (TAL), to access electronic resources through subscriptions, licensing, or direct purchasing.